MOHAN): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Plant-wise information is not monitored by Government of India.

(c) H-Acid is a Dye Intermediate which is used in the manufacture of Azo and Reactive Dyes. Some of the units are manufacturing H-Acid for captive consumption. As such, the exact quantum of production is not available.

(d) Inspection of chemical units from pollution angle is done by the State authorities.

(e) As per the information available, no developed country has banned manufacture of H-Acid. However on economic considerations, developed countries are depending on supplies from India, China, South Korea etc. and thus are slowly phasing out manufacture of H-Acid.

Accumulation of molasses

2267. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the South Indian Sugar Mills Association about the accumulation of molasses and the delay in permitting the export of molasses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the action taken thereon; and

(c) what quantum of production of molasses by the sugar mills in the South and what is the quantum accumulated during the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per reports received from State Govts. of South India *i.e.* Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Pondicherry, available information is as follows:

(i) Molasses available in 1991-92, including brought forward from 1990-91 19·596 lac tons

(ii) Estimated utilisation of Molasses in 1991-92. . . . . 14 912 lac tons

(iii) Quantity allocated to other Deficit States. . . . . 0·553 lac tons

(iv) Quantity allocated for exports. . . . . 0.30 lac tons

Further quantities for inter-state allocations to deficit States and for exports will be released after review of the progress of allocations already made in this regard.

Refusal to join duty by IDPL employees

2268. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officials of IDPL refused to join duty when transferred in 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the number of officials involved and the number out of them who were proceeded against under the disciplinary rules;

(d) whether the IDPL has framed a new rule 30-A in its CDA Rules, 1978 to deal with the situation;

(e) the number of alleged officials with such officials who were punished under it and the differently under reason for not applying this rule to others;

(f) what is a distinction for dealing with such officials differently under rule 30-A and the existing rule 25; and